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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Official Action mailed **November 30, 2005**. A petition for a one-month extension of time to respond and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Previous Filing:

In a paper filed March 28, 2006, Applicant requested Continued Examination in this application. Applicant hereby withdraws that request and instead requests consideration and entry of the present after-final amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Claim Status:

Claims 18-20 have been cancelled previously. Claims 8-14 and 22 have been cancelled in the present paper. Thus, claims 1-7, 15-17, 21 and 23 are currently pending for further action.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The recent Advisory Action of February 21, 2006 indicated the allowance of claims 1-7, 15-21 and 23. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims. It should be noted, however, that claims 18-20 have been cancelled previously.

All claims not indicated as allowed by the Examiner in the recent Advisory Action are cancelled by the present paper. Consequently, following entry of this amendment, the present application should be in clear condition for issuance based on the Examiner's allowance of the remaining claims.

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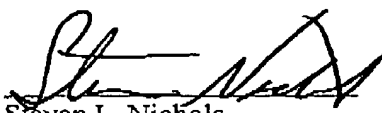
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Conclusion:

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is thought to be clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE: March 30, 2006

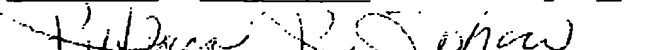

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